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SUBJECT: IRAQ AND HUMAN SHIELDS: TURKS NOT PERMITTING
VOLUNTEER HUMAN SHIELDS TO ENTER IRAQ FROM TURKEY

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Classified by Political Military Affairs Counselor Stuart
Brown. Reasons 1.5 b and d.

(C) MFA Iraq Desk Officer Haldun confirmed to Operation
Northern Watch POLAD Feb. 12 that Turkey will not/not permit
individuals volunteering to be human shields to enter Iraq
directly from Turkey. Haldun said MFA U/S Ziyal had given
his word on this to Ambassador Pearson (see reftel). Haldun
pointed out that the volunteers might be able to get into
Iraq from other neighboring states after departing Turkey (he
specifically mentioned Syria) and that there was nothing
Turkey could do to prevent that.
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